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H. R. 4297

[Report No. 95-325, Part I]

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 2, 1977

Mr. LEGGETT (for himself, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. FORSYTHE, and Mr. PRITCHARD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries

MAY 16, 1977

Reported with an amendment, and referred to the Committee on Science and Technology for a period ending not later than May 20, 1977, for consideration of such portions of section 2 of the bill as fall within that committee's jurisdiction under rule X, clause 1(r), and ordered to be printed

A BILL

To amend the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 to authorize appropriations to carry out the provisions of such Act for fiscal year 1978.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 That section 111 of the Marine Protection, Research, and
4 Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (33 U.S.C. 1420) is amended—

5 (1) by striking out “and” immediately after
6 “September 30, 1976),”; and

7 (2) by adding immediately after “fiscal year 1977,”
8 the following: “and not to exceed \$4,800,000 for fiscal
9 year 1978,”.

1 SEC. 2. Section 204 of such Act (33 U.S.C. 1444) is
2 amended—

3 (1) by striking out “and” immediately after Sep-
4 tember 30, 1976),”; and

5 (2) by adding immediately after “fiscal year 1977”
6 the following: “, and not to exceed \$6,000,000 for fiscal
7 year 1978”.

8 SEC. 3. Section 304 of such Act (16 U.S.C. 1434) is
9 amended—

10 (1) by striking out “and” immediately after “Sep-
11 tember 30, 1976),”; and

12 (2) by adding immediately after “fiscal year 1977”
13 the following: “, and not to exceed \$500,000 for fiscal
14 year 1978”.

15 *SEC. 4. (a) The Administrator of the Environmental*
16 *Protection Agency (hereinafter referred to in this section as*
17 *the “Administrator”) shall end the dumping of sewage sludge*
18 *into ocean waters, or into waters described in section 101(b)*
19 *of Public Law 92-532, as soon as possible after the date of*
20 *enactment of this section, but in no case may the Administra-*
21 *tor issue any permit, or any renewal thereof (under title I*
22 *of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of*
23 *1972) which authorizes any such dumping after Decem-*
24 *ber 31, 1981.*

1 ***(b) For purposes of this section, the term “sewage***
2 ***sludge” means any solid, semisolid, or liquid waste generated***
3 ***by a municipal wastewater treatment plant the ocean dump-***
4 ***ing of which may unreasonably degrade or endanger human***
5 ***health, welfare, amenities, or the marine environment, ecologi-***
6 ***cal systems, or economic potentialities.***

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